

MINUTES OF THE HANOVER BOROUGH COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

April 5, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Chairman Roland convened the meeting of the Hanover Borough Council Public Safety Committee at 6:00 PM, Monday, April 5, 2021 in the Hanover Municipal Building, 44 Frederick Street, Hanover, PA.

Attendance: Present were Committee Members Funk, Lockard, Pranses, Roland and Mayor Whitman; Staff Members Fire Chief Clousher, Manager Dunford, Public Works Director Grimm, and Police Chief martin.

Public Comment / George Street: Request for Traffic Control / Speed Concerns:

Jan Crystal, 425 George Street asked for speed controls between Grant and Wilson. Since Mr. Crystal heard from no staff when he raised the issue before, he organized residents to create a petition to request traffic control measures. Mr. Grimm noted that the street is a main emergency route which limits the traffic control measures that are allowed. Chief Martin said traffic looks like it is going faster than it is. Chief said he put up speed signs to collect data and determined that 85% of vehicles were going 29.2 miles per hour going North and slower south bound. The Police Department ran 7, 1-hour speed details and only 6 citations were issued. The Chief indicated that there were 4 investigated accidents since 2017. The Police Chief continues to assign details as he hears of complaints but cannot stay at all locations in the Borough continuously that have speed issues. Mr. Crystal said there are other, unreported accidents. Mr. Grimm said he and the Police Chief suggested speed lines be painted on the street. The consensus was to add speed lines, to include this area in the rotation for the electronic speed sign and to continue to monitor. Ms. Pranses asked the Chief to investigate an additional electronic speed sign. Mr. Grimm said he would also look into additional lighting and report back.

It was moved by Mrs. Funk, seconded by Ms. Pranses to approve the minutes of August 3, 2020. Motion carried.

Parking Restrictions at Hospital

Mr. Grimm said the hospital requested that some hospital-owned areas be designated as restricted parking which will help the residents. Mr. Grimm requested an Ordinance be advertised to restrict parking in the Charles Street area and that the hospital will pay for signage marking areas no parking. It was moved by Ms. Pranses, seconded by Mrs. Funk to move the advertisement of the ordinance as stated to the Workshop/Council agenda. Motion carried.

Downtown Pedestrian Traffic Study

Mr. Grimm reported that this study was previously approved by Council. The study was ordered to explore methods to alleviate traffic congestion in the square and to investigate the possibility of removing the advance crosswalks to eliminate confusion for pedestrians and motorists. A PennDOT review of the intersections found that the Borough needed a study under PennDOT requirements to request that PennDOT make changes in traffic signaling downtown.

Chris Schwab, Traffic Engineer of Transportation Resource Group of York, reported on the traffic study for the downtown square and the Railroad Street/York Street intersection. The downtown intersection is unusual because if a pedestrian pushes the traffic control button, all the traffic signals must cycle to red and then all traffic stops for 30 seconds to allow pedestrian crossing, which leads to long queues of vehicles. Mr. Schwab recommended removing the advance cross walks, ramps and advance signal lights downtown to reduce vehicle waiting time without compromising pedestrian safety. All pedestrians would then have to use the crosswalks at center square. The new proposed crossing timing for the square would allow for traffic moving with the pedestrians to continue through the intersection. This is traditional set up and is comparable to almost all other intersections in the area. The Police Chief said he is in favor of the proposal. Ms. Pranses asked for advice from the County Office of Aging.

Next step is to submit study to PennDOT. Mr. Schwab estimated the project will cost less than \$50,000. Mr. Grimm will check for grants. The study will be sent to Borough Council and posted on the website. It was moved by Mrs. Funk, seconded by Ms. Pranses to move forward with the proposal as stated. Motion carried.

Dog Waste Issue Update

Mr. Grimm said the issue came to Codes and Public Works. He reported that signage will be installed. There are no dogs allowed in parks. Although the prohibition against dogs is in the Borough's park rules, additional signage will be installed. Ms. Funk said that neighbors are complaining about dog waste on front lawns. Mr. Grimm asked for recommendations of locations for signage. Ms. Pranses asked the Chief to consider a higher fine. Mr. Grimm said he would report back.

New Business

Ms. Funk noted that at the alley at Hanover Pediatrics there is a hidden spot that is hard to see, similar to York and Locust Streets.

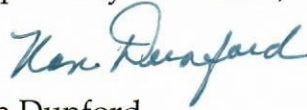
The Mayor asked about special parking rates for downtown workers. Mr. Grimm said it would be considered through the parking study, noting that downtown employers can

purchase parking passes for employees and that, generally, parking fees are likely to go up.

Adjournment

It was moved by Ms. Pranses, seconded by Mrs. Funk to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nan Dunford".

Nan Dunford

Borough Manager/Recording Secretary